

## **Contestant Eligibility**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Missouri SkillsUSA students participating in Missouri Local, District, State, and the National SkillsUSA Activities are provided a positive educational experience and are adequately prepared to meet the challenges of their future occupations. The students should understand that by participating in activities and events they can motivate themselves to develop more skills than would otherwise be expected through extra effort and determination. Those extra skills can provide them with a higher quality of experience throughout their lifetime.

1. The student must meet the eligibility requirements of the local school district for participation in intra and extra-curricular activities.
2. The student must be an active SkillsUSA member of the local, state and national organization with dues paid and roster postmarked by February 1st of the membership year.
3. The student must be enrolled in or just have completed (within the current membership year) a vocational program (meeting the requirements of the State Plan for Vocational Education) as a full time student in preparation for a career in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations.
4. The student must be able to describe the purposes of the organization and identify its symbols and explain their meaning.
5. The student must be willing to voluntarily comply with the Missouri SkillsUSA code of conduct as established by the Missouri SkillsUSA Executive Council.
6. The student must know how to apply for a job and evaluate job offers.
7. The student must have been instructed in the necessary safety precautions, procedures and practices related to the work assignments they will perform as part of their occupation.
8. The student must be able to meet certain eligibility requirements for competitive events